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S.B. No. 2040

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the content of an application for Medicaid.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. Section 32.025, Human Resources Code, is amended  
5 by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

6 (g) The application form adopted under this section must  
7 include:

8 (1) for an applicant who is pregnant, a question  
9 regarding whether the pregnancy is the woman's first gestational  
10 pregnancy; and

11 (2) a question regarding the applicant's preferences  
12 for being contacted, as follows:

13 "If you are determined eligible for benefits, do  
14 you want your managed care organization or health plan provider to  
15 contact you by telephone, text message, or e-mail about health care  
16 matters, including reminders for appointments and information  
17 about immunizations or well check visits? Telephone calls and text  
18 messages may be autodialed. Please indicate your preferences  
19 below:

20 (1) By telephone? Yes No

21 Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

22 (2) By text message (a free autodialed service, but  
23 your carrier may charge message and data rates)? Yes No

24 Cellular telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

1           (3) By e-mail? Yes No

2           E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_".

3           SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the executive  
4 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
5 adopt a revised application form for medical assistance benefits  
6 that conforms to the requirements of Section 32.025(g), Human  
7 Resources Code, as added by this Act.

8           SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
9 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
10 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
11 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
12 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
13 waiver or authorization is granted.

14          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.